Surprise Inspection in hospitals

†563. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether he has made surprise inspections of the hospitals situated in Delhi recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps being taken by Government to make the OPD service better and to provide quick and better services to the patients and better sanitation facilities in the various central hospitals in the capital?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) to (b) The Hon'ble Minister for Health and Family Welfare visited the Vardhman Medical College & Safdarjung Hospital on 18.6.2004 and Dr. R.M.L. Hospital on 29.6.2004 and inspected various services provided by these Hospitals and gave directions for improvement in services and facilities.

(c) In Central Government Hospitals in the Capital necessary action has beep initiated computerize the registration counters for providing better OPD services. The number of Pharmacy dispensing counter are being increased. Besides, sitting arrangement, sufficient number of patient trolleys and wheel chairs, etc. are also being provided.

There is a regular system of cleanliness and maintenance of hospital sanitation and hygiene in Central Government Hospitals. The sanitation work is monitored by Senior Officers of the Hospitals. Besides, Bio-Medical Waste has been disposed off as per the Rules.

Non-functional of costly machines in Government hospitals

564. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of machines such as Audiometry machine, CT-scan, ECG Machine, MRI machine, ventilators etc. in Government hospitals in the capital are lying either non-functional or are not being used at all;

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(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the reasons for which such important and costly machines remain non-functional for a long period;

(d) whether Government have made an independent enquiry in this regard with a view to fix responsibility;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the corrective measures taken or proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) to (f) In Central Government Hospitals in Delhi *i.e.* Safdarjung Hospital, Dr. R.M.L. Hospital, Lady Hardinge Medical College & Associated Hospitals and All India Institute of Medical Sciences, all the machines such as CT Scan, ECG machines, MRI machine, Audiometry machine, Ventilators etc. are working properly and are being utilized.

In cases the machines become non-functional due to wear and tear, immediate steps are taken to get them repaired in the minimum possible time.

Waiting for medical tests in AIIMS and other hospitals

†565. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that patients have to wait for long for various medical tests in AIIMS and other important hospitals in the country, particularly in the capital;

(b) if so, whether Government have taken any effective steps to ensure medical check-ups/tests in short time; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) to (c) In AIIMS various tests are done for patients as prescribed by

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